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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 13 June 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Loaded troop trains

included

train of 9 boxcars, 28 flatcars and 1 gondola car, from Jueterbog to Neubrandenburg on 3 May 1952, and the following trains from Jueterbog to Bergen between 7 and 12 May: 50X1-HUM

Date
in May

Composition of
the Troop Trains

7	28 boxcars and 23 flatcars
8	22 boxcars and 23 flatcars
	36 boxcars and 16 flatcars
9	12 boxcars and 29 flatcars
10	30 boxcars and 23 flatcars
	28 boxcars and 27 flatcars
	29 boxcars and 23 flatcars
11	39 boxcars and 12 flatcars
12	24 boxcars and 25 flatcars

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2. On 9 May, a troop train of 10 boxcars and 20 flatcars was loaded at the Halle freight yard with at least 200 troops wearing red-bordered black enaulets. 15 T-34 or T-34/85 tanks, including turret [redacted], 5 three-axle scout cars with pneumatic tires, and several vehicles, including sedan [redacted]. The train left toward Erfurt. *

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3. On 14 May, a train with 20 to 30 trucks, [redacted] pontoons and engineer equipment was seen at the Kuhlmann railroad station. The train proceeded toward Elsterwerda. **

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4. [redacted], the following numbers of Soviet military personnel were on leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 16 and 21 May:

<u>Date in May</u>	<u>To Brest Litovsk</u>	<u>From Brest Litovsk</u>
16	270 and 280	260 and 270
17	260 and 270	250 and 260
20	280 and 260	260 and 250
21	270 and 280	270 and 260

5. On 24 May, a troop train of 8 boxcars with troops and 43 flatcars with trucks was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The train came from the direction of Cottbus and proceeded to Eberswalde.

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- * [redacted] Comment. The troop train mentioned in paragraph 2 is probably identical with the train, [redacted] which, according to [redacted] went from Halle to Donndorf/Unstrut with component of the 21st Gds Mecz Div on 10 May 1952. 50X1-HUM
- ** [redacted] Comment. The train carried elements of the 1st Assault Engr Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army, and possibly came from Gersdorf where a unit of this regiment had been constructing a pontoon bridge across the Neisse River since 26 April 1952. On 10 May 1952, the bridge was still existing, but the engineer unit was to be relieved after a certain time. [redacted] It seems also possible that the engineer unit mentioned in the present report moved to the Fichtenberg area near Muehlberg via Riesa, as the 1st Assault Engr Regt was probably stationed in the Fichtenberg area for training on the Elbe River since early March 1952. 50X1-HUM

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